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SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

SPEAKER NICHOL: Can we come to order, please. This morning for our chaplain we have Elder Gerald Oehring of the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints at 44th and South Streets in Lincoln. Elder Oehring.

ELDER OEHRING: Almighty God, as these senators represent your people, so I also represent the people and add our prayers to this mighty work. They come because we love this state and its people and we honor this group of our peers we have chosen to be as stewards over this piece of Your world and to be co-creators, both physical and spiritual of the environment that our children will experience. We thank You for the beauty and abundance of the land, the strength and resilience of the people and the potential and promise that are resident in both of these. And while we honor these senators and have high expectations we confess that we often judge them with a very parochial view. Grant them the courage and integrity to rise above this judgement. And though they come from many different places and backgrounds and opinions may their unity of purpose cause such diversity to be a strength and a source of wisdom and wonder and imagination so that the past may not build boundaries for our present nor the present diminish our future. And as these deliberations commence, may each listen with courtesy and compassion, patience and understanding, that they might hear with wisdom and judgement and overcome their prejudices, opinions, prides and privilege that reside in us all for the common good. These things we pray in the spirit of hope and promise and love. Amen.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Elder Oehring. We will be in session in a little while. If you would like to stick around and meet some of the ladies and gentlemen, feel free to do so.

ELDER OEHRING: Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Roll call please. Please record your presence. Please record your presence. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any corrections to the Journal, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We will move on to messages, reports and announcements, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Public Works gives